

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Stephen J. Todd et al.  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INDIRECTLY IDENTIFYING  
A RETENTION PERIOD FOR DATA IN A STORAGE SYSTEM  
Examiner: E. P. Leroux  
Art Unit: 2161

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.